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LOK SABHA

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DEMAND AND SUPPLY OF POTATO
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of demand and supply position of potato during each of the last two years and till-date;

(b) whether the Union Government has estimated the domestic demand of potato during 2004-05;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the `teps proposed to be taken to meet the demand?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a)to(c): The domestic demand of potato per annum is estimated to about 23-24 million tonnes, The production for last two years are as under:-

Year	Production in Million tonnes
2003-04	23.55
2004-05	24.15

(d): The Government is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on `Macro-Management in Agriculture-Supplementation/Complementation of States Effort through Work Plan` including a program on production of potato.